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For: METHOD FOR REPRODUCING IN VITRO THE RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE AND TERMINAL NUCLEOTIDYL TRANSFERASE ACTIVITIES ENCODED BY HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV)

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Responsive to the final rejection mailed July 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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